

MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY COMMITTEE.

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Congleton: 10th Nov: 75.

My dear Sir:

Mrs. Josephine E. Butler sent me yesterday, for forwarding, a letter to Mr. Wendell Phillips, inviting him to England & entreating him to lend his help against the slavery of Prostitution, & the legal enactments by which that slavery is recognized & upheld. I also understood from Mrs. Butler, when I was at her house on Thursday last, & it is mentioned in the letter to Mr. Wendell Phillips, that a similar invitation & entreaty had also been addressed to you.

I felt it necessary to explain to Mr. Wendell Phillips that Mrs. Butler had only signed the letter

owing to a recent illness (induced by excitement & overwork), which had left her with her right hand so cramped that writing was an extremely painful toil for her. Should your letter also have been so written, you will now know to what to attribute it.

So many of us are trusting that some way or other, yourself & Mr. Phillips may be able to "come over & help us," - though I told Mrs. Butler of the martyrdom to you that the sea-voyage is.

She seems to have an exaggerated impression of your age, - but you must forgive this, for it appears to us here that your labour has already been sufficient to fill a very long life.

I trust that yourself + Mrs. Garrison + all
your family are in good health - I am also
specially mindful of Mrs. William Garrison + the
dear little baby boy, + I hope they are both
well + happy. The baby here is thriving apace,
+ his mother + myself are both well - my trip to
America having done me so much good that I
shall not rest satisfied till I repeat it with wife
+ perhaps child!

With kindest remembrances, I am,

Yours faithfully

Ben. W. Kirkhorne Shreve

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in regard to the above named matter. I am sorry to hear that you are unable to attend to the same at present. I will endeavor to do so as soon as possible.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. Smith

Enclosed for you are the papers relating to the above matter. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
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